IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

CHICAGO TILE INSTITUTE WELFARE)
PLAN, CHICAGO TILE INSTITUTE)
PENSION PLAN, and CERAMIC TILE)
AND TERRAZZO LOCAL 21 B.A.C ANNUITY)
PLAN,)
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	Plaintiffs,) CIVIL ACTION
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V.)
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ICONIC FINISHES, LLC.)
)
	Defendant.)

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, the CHICAGO TILE INSTITUTE WELFARE PLAN, et al., by their attorneys, MICHAEL J. MCGUIRE and the law firm of GREGORIO MARCO, complain of the Defendant, ICONIS FINISHES, LLC. and allege as follows:

- 1. This action arises under Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (hereinafter referred to as "ERISA") and Section 301 of the Taft-Hartley Act. (29 U.S.C. §§1132 and 185). Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of questions arising thereunder.
- 2. The CHICAGO TILE INSTITUTE WELFARE PLAN, the CHICAGO TILE INSTITUTE PENSION PLAN, and the CERAMIC TILE AND TERRAZZO LOCAL 21 B.A.C ANNUITY PLAN, (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust Funds") receive contributions from numerous employers pursuant to Collective Bargaining Agreements between the employers and the CERAMIC TILE, TERRAZZO, AND GRANITE CUTTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 21 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").
 - 3. The Trust Funds are multi-employer plans as defined under 29 U.S.C. § 1002.

- 4. The Trust Funds are administered at 660 N. Industrial Drive, Suite 102, Elmhurst, Illinois, 60126 and venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois.
- 5. The Defendant, ICONIC FINISHES, LLC, is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce which entered into a Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CBA") with the Union. (**Exhibit A**). The CBA binds the Defendant to the terms of the Trust Agreements which created the Trust Funds.
- 6. The CBA and Trust Agreements require the Defendant to submit monthly reports listing the hours worked by its bargaining unit employees (hereinafter referred to as "monthly contribution reports") and to make concurrent payment of contributions to the Trust Funds based upon the hours worked by said employees. In addition, the Defendant is required to make contributions to the Trust Funds measured by the hours worked by its subcontractors who are not signatory to a CBA with the Union.
- 7. The CBA and Trust Agreements provide that employers who do not timely pay fringe benefit contributions are also liable for liquidated damages, interest, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, audit fees, and other reasonable costs incurred in the collection process.
- 8 The Defendant breached the provisions of the CBA and Trust Agreements by failing to submit timely reports and contributions for the months of August 2019 to the present.
- 9. As a result of said breach, the Defendant is also liable to the plaintiffs for the following ancillary damages:
 - a. attorney fees and costs pursuant to the CBA and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D); and either
 - b. liquidated damages and interest pursuant to the CBA, Trust Agreements and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(B); or
 - c. double interest pursuant to E.R.I.S.A., 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(C).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- A. That the Defendant be ordered to submit contributions and reports for the months of August 2019 to the present.
- B. That the Defendant be ordered to pay interest on the amount that is due pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(B).
- C. That the Defendant be ordered to pay interest or liquidated damages on any amount that is due pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(C).
- D. That the Defendant be ordered to pay the reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred by the Plaintiffs.
- E. That Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

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